

I do not support this petition for rule making for the retention of Morse Code (CW) proficiency in the Amateur Radio service as stated in the petition. In concert with the commission's expressed intent, in docket 98-143, to simplify, streamline, and enhance the structure of the Amateur Radio service, (and in light of the removal of CW proficiency from ITU regulations) retention of CW for other than the Extra class license is a detrimental constraint to achieving the objectives of the commissions. I believe that keeping CW as a requirement for the Extra class license alone is in the best interests of Amateur Radio and provides more "trade space" for restructuring the service for the future.

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